

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

December 10, 2007

Members Present: Earl Creutzburg, John Patterson, Don Daria, John Rich, John Pelosi, Lisa Potts (staff liaison)

Members Absent: Pete Jordan, Jennifer McGehean, Stephanie Farley, Velma Boyd-Lawson (ex-officio).

CALL TO ORDER

John Patterson called the regular meeting of the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board to order at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: John Rich moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting as submitted. Earl Creutzburg seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting held November 5th

Board members discussed the outcome of the December 5th meeting that was held to address Commissioner Stinnett's concerns pertaining to tree trimming and removals as well as the role of the Urban Forestry Board. Members felt that all concerns were addressed and encourage and welcome Commissioners to attend future Urban Forestry Board meetings to discuss any issues that are of concern.

Urban Forestry Program Expansion

Members discussed ways to expand the town's urban forestry program which included requiring that the town hire a certified arborist to be a part of the Electric Department tree trimming crew and expanding the education component of the program. More discussion will be held about this topic at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Arbor Day Tree Seedling Giveaway Schedules

Members were briefed on the schedule and tasks for the 3rd annual tree seedling giveaway

scheduled for Saturday, February 23 from 8 am until noon. Wake Forest Cub Scout Packs 5 and 500 will help distribute Flowering Dogwood, Wild Plum, Bald Cypress, Chestnut Oak, and White Ash free of charge to Wake Forest-area residents. Planting instructions, along with useful information about the trees, will be included with the seedlings.

The tree seedlings are available on a first-come, first serve basis, and there is a limit of three per person. Reservations and sign-ups prior to the event will not be accepted.

Pack 500 to Attend Meeting

Wake Forest Pack 500's scout leader, Greg Stafford, has inquired about his troop attending an Urban Forestry Board meeting. Members suggested February's meeting for Pack 500 to attend as January's meeting is scheduled for judging Arbor Day posters.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board members requested that town staff prepare and give an overview to them of the town's urban forestry program including plans, reports and ordinances.

Zone maps will be provided at the next board meeting. Zones within the town's jurisdiction will be assigned to board members. Members will be responsible for reporting any dead trees, vacant planting spots or any other issues concerning street trees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Lisa Potts, Planner/Secretary